



Parents' Update: Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents

FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY

Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network each month with prayer intentions that express his great concern for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a worldwide call to transform our prayer into specific actions; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

It has been quite an eventful week at the school. We have had swimming, a choral performance, visiting musicians, church visits – and even held our first face to face meeting for a year group of parents at the school (it was wonderful to see you all back in the building!). These are in addition to all of the work that your children have produced in classrooms. The week has culminated today with another mufti day, this time to support Comic Relief. As ever, we thank you for your donations, your almsgiving at this time, which so far has amounted to £248.

Next week promises to be another busy week too – Year 2 are visiting the Ecology Centre in Carshalton, Year 3 will be travelling to Butser Farm, Years 1 and 2 will be visiting the church, the school's governors will be visiting classes and our Year 6 children will be having their additional design and technology workshop. The week begins with our celebrations for National Poetry Day on Monday. It certainly feels like a school "getting back to normal"!

Events in Ukraine

I would like to thank you all for your donations for the people of Ukraine. Please keep them in your prayers and do please keep your donations coming, especially any help with first-aid equipment.

Catholic Ethos Matters

Finally, on two occasions this week, children have attended Mass at SS Peter and Paul church. These have been lovely occasions, getting children back into the building of the church physically. This is all helpful in the spiritual development. We also now have our prayer leaders leading the children in prayer every Monday morning as part of our whole school assembly.

The Mark 10 Mission may help you to reflect with your children upon the Gospel message for this coming weekend:

[Year 3 – Year 6](#)

[Early Years – Year 2](#)

Please find the links to this week's [Wednesday Word](#), which is focusing upon the Fig Tree passage and how it links to us trying to make changes for the better during this Lenten season.

Parish News



On Saturday 26th March from 1 to 5pm at our school, the parish Confirmation candidates would like to invite you to a fun filled fund raising event ideal for the whole family. There will be a penalty shootout, parents vs youth football match, tombola, raffle, cake, drinks, books and clothes sales plus much more!! All funds raised will go towards helping the less privileged.

Staffing

It is with regret that I inform you that Miss Monaghan and Mrs Obtulowicz will be leaving the school at Easter. Miss Monaghan has been with us since September and will be continuing her teaching career elsewhere. Mrs Obtulowicz has given dedicated service to the school for many years and is not only a fantastic teaching assistant, but a great supporter of the wider events of the school. We will miss all of her contributions, but wish her well for her future career in the Metropolitan police.



Music Matters

We have had a number of musical events as well at the school. Yesterday our choir performed at the local Singfest event. They were undoubtedly the best singers of the group! This was coupled with a visit from Sonoro, a musical education group, that aims to develop musical awareness in the children whilst also creating a link between music and design and technology. It was fantastic to have live musicians at the school; children really enjoyed taking part in the whole day's activities.

Yellow Lines and Zigzags

Thank you to all of those parents who have adhered to the request not to park on the yellow lines or the zigzags outside of the school gates. As I stated earlier previously, this is to enable everybody's safety to improve. On the same subject, this is a reminder that next week is the Big Walk and Wheel week – so we look forward to seeing more children cycling, scooting or walking to school (especially as the weather is promising to be fine).



Sports

Across this week, children from Year 3 have had a batch of swimming lessons, and it has been really rewarding to see the amount of progress that they have made over the week. I cannot emphasise



enough to you all how important the skill of swimming is for children. Those who have swimming experience already show a clear level of confidence in the water. I encourage you all to take your children swimming wherever possible.

Well done to all of our sporting children who have taken part on various competitions over the last two weeks. Our netball team got through to the Merton finals yesterday,



so we offer our congratulations for their achievement so far.

Pope Francis' Prayer for March

Good Father, source of Life in abundance, we know that you call us to be custodians of the gift of life that we receive from You. May your Holy Spirit give us courage and strength to put in the center of our interests the life of every human being from beginning to end. That faced with the challenges of bioethics we know to protect this gift in all times and circumstances, as your Son Jesus, our brother and friend, defended it. Give us courage and discernment to denounce what takes life away, and practice compassionate love to give life to others.
Amen.

Do keep following our stations of the cross photographs on Instagram.

Wishing you well for the weekend,

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